

scythe. The "hu" was all right and the "squat" fairly up to the mark, but the point of the scythe stuck into the ground instead of encircling the grass, and such was Mr. Bowser's grip on the handles that he lost his equilibrium and tumbled over himself and went head first into the tangle. His hat was jammed down over his eyes, his mouth was filled with stuff, and as he got up with Mrs. Bowser's help, while young Bowser began to howl in dismay, he jumped up and down and shouted:

"Woman! This is your doings, and by the whiskers of my great-grandfather I'll get even with you for it!"

"Why, what did I do?" asked Mrs. Bowser.

"Never you mind—I see through it all! Suppose I'd fallen on the blade and cut my throat! Was that your little plan?"

"I'm sure I—I—" "You got into the house and the boy with you! I know what you did. When I made that stroke, you grabbed my leg and threw me down!"

Mrs. Bowser and her only son disappeared, and after picking up the scythe and looking it all over and taking a rest for ten minutes Mr. Bowser sought out a new place to begin. He moistened his hands again, looked around at the house and then started in as before. The "hu" and the "squat" worked up tip-top, but instead of entering the grass the blade "swiped" along in the air, with the result that Mr. Bowser was turned clear around with the momentum and the point of the scythe struck the only shade tree on the place and was broken off short. At the same time one of the handles of the scythe hit him in the stomach and left him gasping for breath, and as he sank down he thought rather than gasped:

"If I don't get even with Mrs. Bowser for this may I never see another sunrise!"

Note.—Mr. Bowser may make a dismal failure as a mower, but when he comes to hold the plow he'll show Mrs. Bowser and the neighbors that he's no spring chicken.

M. QUAD.

Not Posted Enough For Her.

They were standing by the open window. The yellow rays of the setting sun played in fitful flashes with the six carat solitaires in her ears. The young man spoke.

"I have sworn to you that I love you," he said. "Tell me that you love me in return."

The girl turned toward him in slow surprise.

"Do you not know?" she asked. "Would that I could look into your heart!" he said earnestly. "But that is impossible."

Her lip curled with scorn. "You are behind the times," she said, with biting sarcasm, "or you would not say it was impossible."

"Evidently!" She handed him his hat and commenced to tie up his letters. "—you have not read!"

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